Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

<u>Listing of Claims</u>:

- 1-6 (Cancelled).
- 7. (currently amended) An apparatus for air induction into a vehicle internal combustion engine, comprising:

at least one air intake stub tube with an intake end and an engine air filter container end; and

an air accumulation chamber located at a front end of the vehicle, wherein

a front side of the air accumulation chamber is formed by a front end covering of the vehicle,

a back side of the air accumulation chamber is formed by a convex separating partition adjacent to an engine chamber of the vehicle, the convex separating partition including at least one accumulation chamber air inlet, located in a floor area of the partition which receives air from at least one air intake opening at the front of the vehicle, and

the at least one air intake stub tube draws air from the air accumulation chamber through the stub tube intake end, and

a tangential plane of the convex separating partition is transverse to a longitudinal axis of the vehicle and is at an acute angle to a horizontal plane of the vehicle, and the at least one accumulation chamber air intake opening in the floor area of the separating partition is below the intake end of the at least one stub tube.

8. (previously presented) The air induction apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the stub tube intake end protrudes into the air accumulation chamber, adjacent to an elastic form piece sealing an end of the air accumulation chamber between the convex separating partition and the front end covering.

9-10. (canceled)

- 11. (previously presented) The air induction apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the at least one accumulation chamber air intake opening, is located adjacent to the at least one air inlet opening at the front of the vehicle.
- 12. (previously presented) The air induction apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the at least one accumulation chamber air intake opening, is located adjacent to the at least one air inlet opening at the front of the vehicle.

13-14. (canceled)

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- 15. (currently amended) The air induction apparatus according to one of elaims 7-14 claim 7, wherein an outside surface of the convex separating partition is used as an air convection conveying surface to cool air provided to a cooler module.
- 16. (currently amended) The air induction apparatus according to ene of claims 7-14 claim 7, wherein the at least one accumulation chamber air intake opening, in the separating partition is covered with at least one of a filter and a swiveling valve.
- 17. (new) The air induction apparatus according to claim 8, wherein an outside surface of the convex separating partition is used as an air conveying surface to cool air provided to a cooler module.
- 18. (new) The air induction apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the at least one accumulation chamber air intake opening, in the separating partition is covered with at least one of a filter and a swiveling valve.
- 19. (new) The air induction apparatus according to claim 11, wherein an outside surface of the convex separating partition is used as an air conveying surface to cool air provided to a cooler module.

- 20. (new) The air induction apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the at least one accumulation chamber air intake opening, in the separating partition is covered with at least one of a filter and a swiveling valve.
- 21. (new) The air induction apparatus according to claim 12, wherein an outside surface of the convex separating partition is used as an air conveying surface to cool air provided to a cooler module.
- 22. (new) The air induction apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the at least one accumulation chamber air intake opening, in the separating partition is covered with at least one of a filter and a swiveling valve.